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| Serial No.: | 10/672,238 | Group Art Unit: | Unknown |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, prior to the examination of this application, entry of the following amendment is requested.

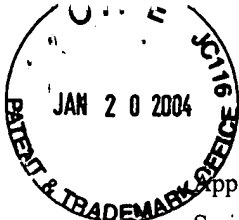
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$890.00 for New Claims
- ☒ Return postcard

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Fee |
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| Total Claims | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | - | 20 | = | 16 | x | 18.00 | = | \$288.00 |
| Independent Claims | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | - | 3 | = | 7 | x | 86.00 | = | \$602.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | | | 890.00 |

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